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AN Advertisement having issued forth, Monday the 21st of this Instant, June, on the Part of Mr. C., in Answer to one, suppos'd to be publish'd by Mr. Al. the Thursday before, it has prov'd necessary to make some Reply to the many *Untruths* and *Impostions* comprehended in such Advertisement. The Writer is here oblig'd to have Respect to some trifling Conversation, that pass'd between Mr. C. and Mr. F--k, in S^r's-G^rn, it being introductory to that unhappy Quarrel, between Mr. C. and Mr. Al. The very Words, the Meaning, and the Application of such Conversation, having been wrested and turn'd to Mr. A^r's Reproach, in Mr. C.'s Advertisement, wherein Mr. A^rn is charg'd with DRUNKENNESS and IMMORALITY.

Mr. C. having boasted of his Intention, to go to the Country and make himself popular, by his Oratory, Messrs. F--k and Al. being join'd in the Green by Mr. C. and his Company, Mr. F--k ask'd Mr. C., "Had he drank Tea that Afternoon?" He answer'd, "To be sure he had;" to which Mr. F--k said, If he expected to make himself popular in the Country, he must change his Liquor into Claret— which was all the Foundation, Scandalous, ~~and~~ Charge, against Mr.



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of ridiculing Mr. C.'s Sobriety : But the Cause Mr. C.'s Quarrelling with Mr. Al., for Brevity's Sake, is referr'd to the annex'd Certificate, of Mr. Al., so that the whole Insinuations of that spurious Advertisement are thereby demonstrably exposed.

It may here be observ'd, as Mr. Al. had sent a Gentleman next Day to expostulate with Mr. C., about his very extraordinary Treatment, no doubt, one careful and cautious, of incurring any Danger to his Person, as Mr. C. by his basifil Behaviour, has been, was upon his Guard, expectant of some Call, knowing how he had behav'd towards Mr. Al.; and that therefore the *Brandy-shops*, Places of Resort of his Father's Servants, were watchful in favour of Mr. C.---Mr. Al. too much Honour, and Respect, for so polite a Body of young Gentlemen as are brought up in the University, to go willingly, into any Imputation of them; but 'twas evident, he narrowly escap'd very hard Measures in the *Green*, at the time he assaulted Mr. Al., which, very justly, made Mr. Al. cautious of going next Night, to the *Green*, lest he might there meet Twenty instead of one.

Mr. Al. is farther charg'd with behaving Treacherously, towards Mr. C., by publishing the Advertisement, suppos'd to be done by him, which ought on so false and imposing an Answer: To which, Mr. Al. replies, that neither his own Reasons, nor any of his Friends, have at all condemn'd him, for appealing to the Public: 'Twas in their Opinion he was insulted, and he had so much at heart, the favourable Opinion and Goodwill of mankind, that he was willing to approve himself to every Body, that he did, what was proper.

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At the same Time, 'tis great Concern to Mr. *Al.*, that he, who is but newly come into Life, has been forc'd to publish himself in Print, to Rescue him, from that Imputation, that is now become odious to the World, that of a SCOUNDREL and COWARD.

Note, --- The Affray in the G---n, happen'd on Wednesday the 16th Instant: Mr. C. acknowledges the Message to him, was the next Day, which he having declin'd, short printed Notices, to the Public, were distributed, on the same Thursday, and also the Friday and Saturday following: The Publication was generally known, on Thursday: Two certain Persons, ONE, a Gentleman of Honour and Figure, went to the young Sq--e's Father, the Friday following, and ask'd, "What the Devil was the meaning of that Advertisement?" Another Person sent the very Advertisement to the Father; and yet the vaunting young Gentleman, who had Opportunity enough to chas-tise his pretended Offender, if he had SPIRIT to risque the Danger of it, pretended he had not time-ly Notice of the Advertisement.

Half so good Notice, of a Proces issuing, out of any Court of Judicature, wou'd be deem'd good Notice, even at COMMON-LAW; But the young Sq--e, chose to be clad in Safety: He paraded, indeed, in the *G---n*, with a Party, but the rest of his Time, he took Refuge, like an *Owl in an Ivy-Bush*, 'till the Night came on, and on Saturday in the Forenoon, accordinly, Care was had to have a Chief Magistrate's Protection, that neither Fire, nor Sword, should dis-figur his COMELY FACE.

Mr. *Al.* was also sound-over the Monday morning following, at the very Time, that Mr.

Publication was dispers'd abroad ; so that there be no Imputation to the Friends of Mr. C. for having a due Concern, to keep him out of Danger from his Enemis.

Sr. Al. is very sorry, Mr. C. has Cancel'd the gations, he was very willing to lye under to for the Hospitality of his House.

Follows Mr. F---'s True, Genuine Certificate, properly Attested.

very near Alliance, between Mr. F---k, and Mr. C. add the Reasons Assign'd in this Certificate, will account for their having extorted om this Gentleman, what was before had from m, in a former Certificate.

WHEREAS by an Advertisement, Publish'd the 21st of June, Inst. in Relation e Dispute between Mr. James Al. and Mr. C. there is a Certificate at the Bottom thereof, l. Rd. F---k, importing, that the said Adver- ent, and all the Particulars thereof, were fairly impartially let forth, and that he, the said F---k, Privy thereto.

OW I the said Rd. F---k, in Justice to my Character, and in Justice to the Character in the said Mr. Al., think I am bound to let public know how unwarily and incautiously I led into the Signing said Certificate; which I now I Signed, and for which I sincerely beg on of him the said Mr. Al.... The Reasons y doing which are are as follow. That as the e Management of my affairs with my Father F. Esq; was at that time solely de ing in the power of Sir Rd. C. Baronet,

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who is my Cousin Germain ; he, the said Sir *R-d C.* by great Eloquence, and artful Persuasion, prevailed upon me to Sign the same, at the same time repeatedly assuring me, that the same should never appear in Print, and that he only wanted the same to shew a few Friends, in order, in some measure, as he sayed, to support the Character of his Son, which was then so highly attacked ; saying also, by my Signing this, the Character of my Family must either rise or fall in the opinion of the World ; and I do hereby further declare, that in my opinion *Mr. Al.* did not by any means deserve Treatment he receiv'd from *Mr. Rd. C.* at *S-*'s *G-* on the 16th Inst, and do aver, that that he the said *M. Al.* did not give or pursue the said *Mr. C.* by loud, unprovok'd gross Abuse, as in the Advertisement of the 21st Inst. is safely misrepresented ; and for further Satisfaction to the Publick, I herein, Word for Word, to the best of my Recollection, have set forth the Cause of Dispute.

Mr. Al. and I Dined together in Town, and went about Eight o'Clock chearfully to the *Green*, and there were joined by *Mr. Rd. C.* and a young Gentleman unknown to us both, upon which, in a little Time, I asked *Mr. C.*, " whether he drank his *Tea* that Afternoon ? " he replyed, " To be sure I did." The Reason of my asking him the Question was, his constant Discourse before of his Intentions on his going into the Country to create an Interest by Popularity. I then told him I did not look upon it that so general a thing could be effected merely in drinking of *Tea*, and that he must now and then lay himself out for enjoying his Friends very chearfully. I will to be sure says he, but it must be in moderation, I will take another Course. I will win them to me by the dint of my

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Philosophy, upon which I proposed a certain young Lady of Family and Fortune, no way related to either of the Parties, as a match for mr. C., and that a young Gentleman married to said Lady's eldest Sister would join him in the Afternoon's in drinking Tea, and would be very good Company for one another, to which mr. C. reply'd, Ay : " But that Gentleman and I are not upon a *Level*." -- How, pray, mr. C., can you reconcile that Point, said mr. Al. ? said Gentleman having been a Cousin German of said mr. J--s Al.'s ---- I think 'tis mighty plain, says mr. C. --- mr. Al. said, he cou'dn't at all see how ; --- mr. C. insisted it was. mr. Al. insisted strenuously on the contrary ; on which mr. C. told mr. Al., if you tell me so again, I'll give you share of this pointing to a *large Stick* in his Hand : mr. Al. reply'd, I believe you dare not attempt it ; on which mr. C. bounced back, and struck mr. Al. who was totally defenceless, very severely with his Stick several Times, on which I clos'd mr. C., and on mr. Al. attempting to come in upon him, we were surrounded by a large Body, one of which came to us, and told us, for very good Reasons, we had better make off as fast as in our Power ; which we in pursuance thereof, did. --- This is the very authentic Account that my memory supports me in, respecting this Affair, and in no other Light whatsoever. --- The melancholly Dilemma's I labour'd under as to my family Affairs. The repeated Assurances of S. Rd. C. that what I put my Name to should never be in the least made public, and a Desire to make up a Breach, at least in the Family, between an enrag'd Father, and a dastardly Son, I declare to have been the sole motives which prompted me to

do what I am sorry for, for fear of the least Refl
on on my Friend; and I hope what I have set I
will a good deal induce the Public to think fav
ably of me; (my Embarrassments taken into
proper Consideration,) and I submit to every G
tlemen if it be not very severe, that the Vindica
of the Character of the Person concerned should
thrown upon my Shoulders who was not in the
concerned, (He not having Honour enough to
port himself,) And that I should be considered
the Eye of the Law as a Party aggressing, as by w
happen'd Yesterday plainly appears. All the fo
going, I hereby do, and will ever avow, and n
other. Given under my Hand this 22d Day
June 1756.

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Being Present at Signing the above.

W. G-l-d.
J.s. L...d...s;

*** The original Certificate, sign'd by
R. F...k, may be seen in the Hands of *W. G.*
Attorney, at his Office in *B. Lane.*

